(*b*) if so, how the motor fare for passengers compares with the third class railway fare between Trivandrum and Shencotta?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The present bus fare is Re. 1.

The 3rd class railway fare is Re. 1-as. 12-ps. 9.

Pokkuvaravu Cases.

283 ***MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of *pokkuvaravu* cases pending disposal in Shertala; and

(*b*) the average length of time of the pendency of these cases?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 516 at the end of Edavam 1110.

(*b*) 13 days.

Teaching of Hindi in Schools.

284 ***SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): With reference to the resolution passed in the Travancore Legislative Council on 25-12-1106, about the teaching of Hindi in the schools of the State, will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to implement the resolution?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The resolution, which recommended that Hindi be made a compulsory subject in classes V to VII of the Vernacular Schools and Forms IV to VI of the English High Schools of the State, was not accepted by the Government owing to certain practical difficulties and for reasons explained in G. O. D. Dis. No. 1491 of 31/Edn., dated the 25th December 1931. Provision was, however, made for the teaching of Hindi as one of the Second Languages for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination: and from the beginning of the current academic year it is being taught as such in Form IV in the Sri Mula Vilasom School, Trivandrum.

Mineral resources of the State.

285 * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any definite scheme of utilising the mineral resources of the State has been received by the Government from their Geological Experts or from the Department of Industries; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been or is proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is under the consideration of Government.

Complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew.

286 ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Governmenbe pleased to state whether they are aware that there were serious complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew, the Director of Registration, while he was the Anchal Superintendent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

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